## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON EUGENE DIVISION

Elizabeth HUNTER; et al., on behalf of	)
themselves and all others similarly situated,	)
·	) Case No. 6:21-cv-00474-AA
Plaintiffs,	)
V.	DECLARATION OF JANE DOE
	)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and	)
Suzanne GOLDBERG, in her official capacity	)
as Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights,	)
U.S. Department of Education,	)
	)
Defendants.	)

## I, Jane Doe, declare:

- 1. My name is Jane Doe.
- 2. I am a current student at Regent University School of Law. I am choosing to stay anonymous to protect myself.
- 3. I felt so alone at Regent as a closeted queer person. I came to Regent knowing I probably wasn't going to make friends.
- 4. I obsessively studied the student handbook and policies to try to protect myself.
- 5. The toxic and homophobic environment at Regent contributed to significant mental health challenges.
- 6. I felt like I was in fight or flight mode at all times. I was hyper-sensitive to my environment. I was scared constantly.
- 7. I stayed closeted because I was super scared of losing my scholarships and being retaliated against for my sexuality. It led me to isolate myself. And It became a huge contributing factor as to why I fell into a deep depression and suffered from suicidal thoughts.
- 8. It broke my heart sitting and listening to professors and classmates talk, knowing that if they really knew me then they would hate me.
- 9. I wanted to leave the room and cry when professors would talk about gay people.
- 10. There is so much passive antagonism, like using dehumanizing language like "the homosexuals" to refer to LGBTQ+ people.

- 11. The "hate the sin and love the sinner" atmosphere gaslights students. Administration will say they are loving of everyone, but it's a false narrative because they do not love queer people the same way that they love heterosexuals.
- 12. The sheer isolation because of the homophobia on campus at Regent fostered a dark season of suicidal thoughts.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed this 21st of October 2021.

By:

Jane Doe

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